

The Director

Bill:

With respect to processing time, there is no excuse for such an unreasonable delay, and I have discussed this situation with Fred Janney, who shares my concern. Appropriate remedial action will be taken and the overall situation will be more closely monitored.

As to the content of the letter to [ ] [ ] it has been longstanding policy that the applicant should be the first to know the Agency decision, whether it is favorable or not. This approach has been followed even when there is Congressional interest. [ ] is stressing this point in para. 6, even though there is no "Hill" interest in this particular case. Processing was completed 15 Jan, and a formal rejection letter will immediately be sent directly to Mr. [ ]

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Harold L. Brownman

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DD/M&S 74-0240: Memo dtd 23 Jan 74 to DCI thru DD/M&S fr Acting D/Pers, subj: Applicant

Processing - Mr. [ ]

DD/M&S 74-0159: Ltr dtd [ ] to Mr. [ ] fr DCI re application of Mr. [ ]